

Dublin, 22 of July 1858

Dear Mr May - I am about to give you the full, true, & particular account, history, & explanation of Miss Estlin's £1.5.0 - her 12/6 for the Liberator & 12/6 for the Standard.

Dec. 22. 1857. Somebody sent me from Bristol £1.5 for the Standard - half for Mrs Stevens & half from Mrs Libe. which I duly entered. With for 1858

June 19. 1858. Miss Estlin sent me £1.5 for herself half for the Standard - half for the Liberator; also £1.5 for the Standard, half for Mrs Libe half for Mrs Stevens for 1858. Which I duly entered, except that my ~~last entry~~ I put Miss Estlin's £1.5 down to the Standard, not being at that time up to the distinction, as he had not been in the way of attending to the American affairs.

When some time after I perceived that Mrs J. & Mrs S. had paid twice for 1858 for the Standard, Miss Estlin told me to erase the 2nd credit to them, & to give her credit for the amount £1.5.0 in the Advocate's account.

I told my son to do so - but in erasing the superfluous £1.5 he took out Miss Estlin's £1.5 ~~money~~ for the Standard (which should have been for the Standard & Liberator) & left the entry for the Bristol ladies as before. This explains the reason I think you send the parsimonia, & which

puzzled me until I looked at the counterpart in my letter book. Thus after all, this history of hide and seek, I think you will see

1st that Mrs. T. & Mrs. S. paid for their Standard for 1858 on Dec. 22. 1857

2nd That they paid for same a second time on 19th June, 1858.

3rd. That Miss E.'s payment for Lib. Standard, 1858 was erroneously credited to Standard only - & was made to me on 19th June, 1858.

4th. That in ~~crediting~~ Mrs. T. & Mrs. S.'s second payment for Standard, Miss E.'s £1.5. & which they was taken out of the book.

5th. That this was the reason of which you sent me the copy.

6th. That the payment on 19th June ¹⁸⁵⁸ for Standard for Mrs. T. & Mrs. S. was a double payment. That one 12/6 must be credited to Miss E.'s for the Standard for that year - & the other 12/6 refunded by the Standard to the Liberator as Miss E.'s payment for 1858.

All these matters took place previous to the settlement which leaves the balance in my hands which you decide to be the right thing, though I am unable to see how it really is so. However I can only submit with a good grace to be a richer man than I supposed myself, repeating that if ever any error is found out, I am perfectly ready to refund my ~~unpaid~~ unexpected gains

The parcel of Reports came a day or two since
all right, by the City of Dublin Co. The charge was
13/2 or a little over three dollars, which was I suppose
chiefly for duty as the parcel must have been up-
wards of 30 lbs weight. I wish with my wife's help
make out a list of 50 recipients the most worthy
we can think of - and then the cheapest & most
prompt way will be to send them by book post
which will cost about 6^d each - If they weighed under
8 ounces instead of under 10 ounces the charge would
be only 2^d each. I am very glad of this new
London treaty. Cheever; Thompsonson in law, is
an active & very fellow, fond of writing & of being
before the public. He is I think really a good &
hearted young man & has got some excellent
correspondents. It is a touching thing to see S. F.
coming out again so actively with his paralysed
hand into public life. Oh! if he had a wife
worthy of him, what a man he might not have
been. She has been a great stone to him. I suppose
if I had got such a load, I should have taken to
drinking, or run away to California - from where
I hope my worthy son Richard is now hastening
hitherwards. He is a sensible, solid fellow, thoroughly
dependable, & high principles - but not by any
means so mercenary as your Dublin correspondents.

I would like to have the likeness of Henry & am
quite willing to pay either price you name for it. It
is one of my "few weaknesses" to take great pleasure
in the shadow of my friends. I told Richard to have
an engraving ~~for~~ for me for such a portrait - so it might

be left at 21, Cornhill to his case in case he
has time to visit Boston, which I hope he may.

This man has not increased Louis Napoleon's
prestige. Like you & almost every one else, and
~~too~~ have no faith in him. He is utterly un-
principled & the Bonapartean selfishness in
his measure. But I was full of hope that the

Austrians would be expelled from Italy & that
the poor Italians would have a chance. I have
no patience with the indirect way in which
the English (& I have heard the Americans) have
been in the way of talking of the merits of
the Italians for liberty. These nations are apt
to find ^{many} ~~some~~ of their advantages are due to
their geographical position. I think that among
the Italians who form a ~~small~~ ^{very} living men as
noble as any of their other times heroes of former
days - what finer men as Manin, Mazzini
& Garibaldi, & Poesio, & Labrous?

I enclose a letter for Mrs. Chapman which
you will please forward. If I find that we
will be able to make a good use of some more
of the Reports I will let you know. I greatly
regret that I am not likely to see Theodore
Parker. I hope your cousin S. J. May &
Dr. Bowditch may not find us this trip.

Yours ever affectionately

Richd D Webb